



## Courts stymie abortion bans in Iowa, other GOP-led states

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and DAVID PITT

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

With a staunch anti-abortion Republican governor and large GOP legislative majorities, Iowa would seem poised to ban abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade.

There's just one catch: a 2018 Iowa Supreme Court ruling that established the right to abortion under the state constitution.

"I don't know if the people of Iowa know that things aren't going to change immediately if Roe v. Wade is overturned," said state Rep. Sandy Salmon, a Republican and farm manager from northeast Iowa who has made abortion restrictions a cornerstone of her five legislative terms.

Supreme courts in a handful of states, including others controlled by Republicans, have recognized the right to abortion. But in no state is the issue more immediate than Iowa, where Republicans are calling for a state high court with new, conservative justices to reverse a decision made just four years ago.

The Iowa court's decision, due within weeks, is an example of the complexities that loom in states should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn its 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Specifically, it highlights the inevitable confrontation between new abortion bans being prepared in anticipation of Roe's reversal and state constitutions.

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Marissa Messinger, of Lake View, Iowa, center, holds a sign during a rally to protest recent abortion bans, May 21, 2019, at the Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa.

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"There are states where this is to some extent unknown and an issue that state courts will likely have to confront," said Helene Krasnoff, vice president of public policy, litigation and law for abortion rights advocates Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "But this is an issue that's present in Iowa in this very moment." The Iowa Supreme Court decision that's under consideration struck down a 2017 law signed by then-Gov. Terry Branstad requiring a woman to wait 72 hours before receiving an abortion. The court ruled

5-2 that an abortion is a fundamental right protected by the state constitution's guarantee of liberty. "Autonomy and dominion over one's body go to the very heart of what it means to be free," wrote then-Chief Justice Mark Cady, who died in 2019. "Implicit in the concept of ordered liberty is the ability to decide whether to continue or terminate a pregnancy." Since that decision, Branstad's successor, Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds, has signed other restrictions, including outlawing abortion once cardiac activity is detected in the embryo and

requiring a 24-hour waiting period. Both measures were struck down in state district court. Reynolds appealed the waiting-period decision to the Iowa Supreme Court last year. In the years since Cady's opinion, Reynolds has appointed four of the court's seven members. The Republican-controlled Legislature also gave her more control over the process of selecting the panel that recommends potential nominees. Drake University Law School professor Sally Frank said if the court were to overturn a right established only four



**August Mulvihill, of Norwalk, Iowa, center, holds a sign depicting a wire clothes hanger during a rally at the Statehouse May 21, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa, to protest recent abortion bans.**

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years ago, it "would give an even more political look to a decision here than the U.S. Supreme Court." Yet abortion opponents argued that court rulings in a half-dozen states, including Iowa, are examples of laws inappropriately established by judges rather than elected officials. "This case presents the opportunity for the Iowa Supreme Court to return the issue back to the people to decide through their elected representatives in the Legislature," said Mallory Carroll, a spokeswoman for the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony List. Polls indicate support for keeping abortion legal. The Des Moines Register Iowa Poll found in September that 57% supported keeping abortion legal in most or all cases, compared with 38% who said it should be illegal in most or all cases. According to AP VoteCast, a 2020 survey of the electorate, 65% of Iowa voters said the U.S. Supreme Court should leave Roe v. Wade as it is, while a third said it should be overturned.

Reynolds has said she is "proud of the legislation she signed in 2018," including the ban on abortions once cardiac activity is detected, as early as six weeks and before many women know they are pregnant. While the measure included exceptions to protect the life of the mother and for pregnancies that are the result of incest or rape, Reynolds recently declined to endorse any exceptions. "I'm not going to set any parameters," she told reporters last week. "We have a ruling before the Iowa Supreme Court and we're going to wait and see what they do, and that actually will affect what our next steps are moving forward." Supreme courts in Alaska, Florida, Kansas, Montana and Minnesota have ruled that their constitutions protect the right to abortion. Among them, Republicans hold legislative majorities and the governorships in Florida and Montana. In Montana, a challenge to abortion restrictions is before the state supreme courts. □

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# U.S. safety, savings rules set stage for baby formula shortage

By MATTHEW PERRONE

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A massive recall is getting most of the blame for the U.S. baby formula shortage, but experts say the products have long been vulnerable to this type of crisis due to decades-old policies that have allowed a handful of companies to corner the market.

Those government rules — aimed at assuring safe, affordable formula — are getting renewed scrutiny as President Joe Biden's administration rushes to import formula from Europe.

"There's perfectly good and safe baby formula available around the world. We just don't have access to it," said Bindiya Vakil, CEO of Resilinc, a supply chain analytics firm. "We've created this problem by not setting up an infrastructure for imports."

Federal regulators are expected to soon allow Abbott Nutrition to reopen the Michigan plant that's been closed since February due to contamination problems. The factory is the largest of its kind in the U.S. and its shutdown — combined with pandemic-related supply chain problems — hobbled supplies of popular formulas and specialty formulas for children with rare medical conditions.

Lawmakers will hold three hearings on the issue this week, calling on company executives, government regulators and outside experts to testify. The attention could spur changes to government safety and contracting rules that have been in place since the 1980s and favor big U.S. manufacturers that are capable of navigating the complex requirements.

Baby formula is one of the few American products essentially unaffected by globalization, with 98% of the supply manufactured domestically. Four companies account for roughly 90% of the market: Abbott, Reckitt, Nestle and Perrigo, according to industry figures. That consolidation mirrors similar trends across the food industry.

But infant formula wasn't



Shelves typically stocked with baby formula sit mostly empty at a store in San Antonio, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

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part of a Biden administration initiative last year spotlighting dangerously concentrated industries, including prescription drugs, airlines, hearing aids and internet services.

The Federal Trade Commission announced Tuesday that it has launched an inquiry into the formula shortage, seeking information on any deceptive or fraudulent business practices related to it. The agency said it also aims to shed light on what led to the concentration in the baby formula market and the weak supply chains.

Food experts say strict formula regulations set by the Food and Drug Administration have long limited competition.

Beginning in 1980, Congress gave the FDA authority to rigorously enforce the nutritional content of all formula sold in the U.S., imposing extra research and manufacturing standards that have few equivalents worldwide. The changes came after some babies were sickened by deficient formulas in the 1970s.

"They are pretty much the strictest food safety guidelines in the U.S. and America has some of the strictest guidelines in the world," said Wendy White, a food safety expert at Georgia Tech.

Companies must consult

with the FDA before selling a new formula, altering ingredients in an existing one or making major manufacturing changes. The result is only the biggest manufacturers have plants and procedures that comply with federal rules. And would-be competitors have little incentive to enter the field, given the declining U.S. birth rate.

"You have to have a lot of expertise, a lot of resources and a lot of research dollars," White said.

There are other hurdles for foreign manufacturers looking to compete. The U.S. has long imposed tariffs and quotas on dairy imports from abroad, including Canada, in order to shield American milk producers from competition. □

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# Texas governor: 15 killed in school shooting; gunman dead

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**UVALDE, Texas (AP)** — An 18-year-old gunman opened fire Tuesday at a Texas elementary school, killing 14 children, one teacher and injuring others, Gov. Greg Abbott said, and the gunman was dead.

It was the deadliest shooting at a U.S. grade school since the shocking attack at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, almost a decade ago.

The gunman entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde with a handgun and possibly a rifle, Abbott said. Officials have not revealed a motive for the shooting, but said the shooter was a resident of the community that's about 85 miles (135 kilometers) west of San Antonio.

Abbott said the shooter was likely killed by responding officers but that the events were still being investigated. Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Chief of Police Pete Arredondo said at a news conference that the gunman acted alone.

It was the deadliest school shooting in Texas history. It occurred four years after a gunman fatally shot 10 people at Santa Fe High



Law enforcement personnel walk outside Uvalde High School after shooting a was reported earlier in the day at Robb Elementary School, Tuesday, May 24, 2022, in Uvalde, Texas.

**Associated Press**

School in the Houston area and less than two weeks after a gunman opened fire at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, killing 10 Black shoppers and workers in what officials have described as a hate crime. "He shot and killed, horrifically, incomprehensibly, 14 students and killed a teacher," said the governor, adding that two officers were shot and wounded but were expected to survive. It was not immediately clear how many people, in addition to the dead, were

wounded, but Arredondo said there were "several injuries." Earlier, Uvalde Memorial Hospital said 13 children were taken there. Another hospital reported a 66-year-old woman was in critical condition. Robb Elementary School has an enrollment of just under 600 students, and Arredondo said it serves students in the second, third and fourth grade. He did not provide ages of the children who were shot. A heavy police presence surrounded the school

Tuesday afternoon, with officers in heavy vests diverting traffic and FBI agents coming and going from the building.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden has been briefed on the school shooting on Air Force One as he returns from a five-day trip to Asia and would continue to receive updates. Jean-Pierre said Biden will deliver remarks Tuesday evening at the White House.

Uvalde is home to about

16,000 people and is the seat of government for Uvalde County. The town is about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from the border with Mexico. Robb Elementary is in a mostly residential neighborhood of modest homes.

A Border Patrol agent who was among the first law enforcement officers on scene was shot and wounded by the gunman. The agent is hospitalized in good condition, according to a federal law enforcement official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

The tragedy in Uvalde added to a grim tally of mass shootings in Texas that have been among the deadliest in the U.S. over the past five years. One year before the Santa Fe school shooting in 2018, a gunman at Texas church killed more than two dozen people during a Sunday service in the small town of Sutherland Springs. In 2019, another gunman at a Walmart in El Paso killed 23 people in a racist attack. The shooting came days before the National Rifle Association annual convention was set to begin in Houston. □

# Pelosi pushes back on archbishop who denies her Communion



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, of California, speaks during a news conference on May 19, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pushed back Tuesday on the decision by San Francisco's conservative Catholic archbishop to

deny her Communion over her support of abortion rights, saying she respects that people have opposing views but not when they impose them on others.

The California Democrat says she comes from a large family with many members who oppose abortion. "I respect people's views about that. But I don't respect us foisting it onto others," Pelosi added. "Our archbishop has been vehemently against LGBTQ rights. In fact he led the way in an initiative on the ballot in California."

Pelosi made her comments on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." In a letter last week to Pelosi, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone said he would refuse her Communion after she vowed to codify into law the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion. That legislation passed the House but died last week in the

Senate.

Pelosi said women and families need to know this is about more than abortion. "These same people are against contraception, family planning, in vitro fertilization.

It's a blanket thing and they use abortion as the front man for it."

Cordileone has said he told Pelosi that she must either repudiate her support of abortion rights or stop speaking publicly about her Catholic faith. In a separate letter to church members, he said he had asked several times to meet with Pelosi but that her office didn't respond or told him she was busy.

"After numerous attempts to speak with her to help her understand the grave

evil she is perpetrating, the scandal she is causing, and the danger to her own soul she is risking, I have determined that the point has come in which I must make a public declaration that she is not to be admitted to Holy Communion," Cordileone wrote.

Over the past year, Cordileone has been among the most outspoken U.S. bishops advocating that Communion be denied to President Joe Biden and other politicians who support abortion rights.

However, each bishop has authority in his own diocese on this matter, and the archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, has affirmed that Biden is welcome to receive the sacrament there. □



# Ukraine: 200 bodies found in basement in Mariupol's ruins

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Associated Press

**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)** — Workers digging through the rubble of an apartment building in Mariupol found 200 bodies in the basement, Ukrainian authorities said Tuesday, as more horrors come to light in the ruined city that has seen some of the worst suffering of the 3-month-old war.

The bodies were decomposing and the stench hung over the neighborhood, said Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to the mayor. He did not say when they were discovered, but the sheer number of victims makes it one of the deadliest known attacks of the war.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, continued in the Donbas, the eastern industrial region that Moscow's forces are intent on seizing. Russian troops intensified their efforts to encircle and capture Sievierodonetsk and neighboring cities.

Mariupol was relentlessly pounded during a nearly three-month siege that ended last week after some 2,500 Ukrainian fighters abandoned a steel plant where they had made their stand. Russian forces already held the rest of the city, where an estimated 100,000 people remain out a prewar population



Undertakers lower the coffin of Ukrainian serviceman Oleksander Matyukhin, 32, in Kharkiv, eastern Ukraine, Monday, May 23, 2022.

Associated Press

of 450,000, many of them trapped during the encirclement with little food, water, heat or electricity.

At least 21,000 people were killed in the siege, according to Ukrainian authorities, who have accused Russia of trying to cover up the horrors by bringing in mobile cremation equipment and by burying the dead in mass graves.

During the assault on Mariupol, Russian airstrikes hit a maternity hospital and a theater where civilians were taking shelter. An Associated Press investigation found that close to 600 people died in the theater

attack, double the figure estimated by Ukrainian authorities.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the Russians of waging "total war" and seeking to inflict as much death and destruction as possible on his country.

"Indeed, there has not been such a war on the European continent for 77 years," Zelensky said, referring to end of World War II. Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces in the Donbas for eight years and hold large swaths of territory. Sievierodonetsk and neighboring

cities are the only part of the Donbas' Luhansk region still under Ukrainian government control.

Russian forces have achieved "some localized successes" despite strong Ukrainian resistance along dug-in positions, British military authorities said.

Moscow's troops also took over the town of Svitlodarsk and raised the Russian flag there, Ukrainian media reported. Svitlodarsk is about 50 kilometers (31 miles) southeast of the strategically important city of Krakymorsk.

Two top Russian officials appeared to acknowl-

edge that Moscow's advance has been slower than expected, though they vowed the offensive would achieve its goals.

Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russia's Security Council, said the Russian government "is not chasing deadlines."

And Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told a meeting of a Russia-led security alliance of former Soviet states that Moscow is deliberately slowing down its offensive to allow residents of encircled cities to evacuate — though forces have repeatedly hit civilian targets.

As Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, recovers from weeks of relentless bombardment, residents formed long lines to receive rations of flour, pasta, sugar and others staples this week. Moscow's forces withdrew from around Kharkiv earlier this month, pulling back toward the Russian border.

Galina Kolembed, the aid distribution center coordinator, said that more and more people are returning to the city. Kolembed said the center is providing food to over 1,000 people every day, a number that keeps growing.

"Many of them have small kids, and they spend their money on the kids, so they need some support with food," she said. □

## Turkey's Erdogan threatens new incursion into Syria

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened Monday to launch a new military operation in Syria to secure Turkey's southern border.

Speaking following a Cabinet meeting, Erdogan said the aim of the operation would be resume Turkish efforts to create a 30-kilometer (20 mile) safe zone along its border with Syria. "We will soon take new steps regarding the incomplete portions of the project we started on the 30-km

deep safe zone we established along our southern border," Erdogan said.

Erdogan did not provide further details but said the operation would begin after Turkey's military, intelligence and security forces complete their preparations.

Turkish forces have launched three major incursions into northern Syria, taking control of areas along the border in a bid to secure its frontier from threats from the Islamic State group and Kurdish

militia group, the People's Protection Units, or YPG.

Turkey views the group as an extension of the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK which is listed as a terror group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union. The PKK has waged an insurgency against Turkey since 1984. Tens of thousands of people have died in the conflict. Erdogan's comments come at a time when Turkey is objecting to Sweden and Finland's membership in the NATO alliance, citing the



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan inspects a military honour guard during a ceremony marking the docking of a submarine, in Kocaeli, Turkey, Monday, May 23, 2022.

Associated Press

two countries alleged support for the PKK and other groups that Turkey views as terrorists, as well as their de-

cision to impose restrictions on military sales to Turkey following Ankara's incursion into Syria in 2019. □



# Iran building collapse kills 11 as mayor and others detained

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Rescuers dug through debris Tuesday of a building collapse in southwestern Iran that killed at least 11 people, fearful that many more could still be trapped beneath the rubble as authorities arrested the city's mayor in a widening probe of the disaster.

The collapse Monday of an under-construction 10-story tower at the Metropol Building exposed its cement blocks and steel beams while also underscoring an ongoing crisis in Iranian construction projects that has seen other disasters in this earthquake-prone nation.

Video from the initial collapse Monday showed thick dust rise over Abadan, a crucial oil-producing city in Khuzestan province, near Iran's border with Iraq. The Metropol Building included two towers, one already built and the other under construction, though its bottom commercial floors had finished and already had tenants.

On Tuesday, an emergency official interviewed on state television suggested that some 50 people may have been inside of the building at the time of the collapse, including people moving into its basement floors. However, it wasn't



In this photo provided by Tasnim News Agency, debris hangs from the Metropol building, a 10-story commercial building under construction, in the southwestern city of Abadan, Iran, Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Associated Press

clear if that figure included those already pulled from the rubble. At least 39 people were injured, most of them lightly, officials earlier said.

Aerial drone footage aired Tuesday showed the floors had pancaked on top of each other, leaving a pile of dusty, gray debris. A construction crane stood still nearby as a single backhoe dug. State TV said at least 11 people had been killed.

An angry crowd at the site chased and beat Abadan

Mayor Hossein Hamidpour immediately after the collapse, according to the semiofficial ILNA news agency and online videos. Police later arrested Hamidpour and nine others, Iranian media reported Tuesday. Initially, authorities said the building's owner and its general contractor had been arrested as well, though a later report from the judiciary's Mizan news agency said Tuesday that the two men had been killed in the collapse. The conflicting reports could

not be immediately reconciled.

Authorities offered no immediate word on whether those detained faced charges and it wasn't immediately clear if lawyers represented them.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi offered his condolences and appealed on the local authorities to get to the bottom of the case. Iran's vice president in charge of economic affairs, Mohsen Razaee, and Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi visited the site.

Lawmakers opened a separate parliament inquiry into the case Tuesday, trying to determine why the building on Amir Kabir Street collapsed during a sandstorm. However, there was no major earthquake recorded Monday near Abadan, some 660 kilometers (410 miles) southwest of Tehran.

A local journalist in Abadan had repeatedly raised concerns about the building's construction, beginning from last year, publishing images that he said showed sagging floors at the first tower. He also alleged corruption in the building permits process.

Later Tuesday, the state-run IRNA news agency quoted Faramarz Zoghi, a construction expert and adviser to Iran's construction engineers league, as saying that "definitely national construction measures were not observed" at the site. Authorities also declared a one-day mourning period Wednesday over the disaster.

Abadan became the focus of development by the British beginning in 1909 as they built what became the world's largest oil refinery at the time. Iran later nationalized its oil industry in the decades before the 1979 Islamic Revolution. □

# Boat carrying Rohingya fleeing Myanmar capsizes, killing 16



Rohingya refugees bathe at a hand water pump at Kutupalong refugee camp, where they have been living amid uncertainty over their future after they fled Myanmar to escape violence a year ago, in Bangladesh, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

Associated Press

By **GRANT PECK**  
Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — At least 16 people from Myanmar's Rohingya minority have

died after a storm capsized the boat they were traveling on to seek refuge in another country, officials and a recovery team member

said Tuesday.

There were 35 survivors of Saturday's accident that took place Saturday off Myanmar's southwestern coast and four people were missing, the officials said.

UNHCR, the U.N.'s refugee agency, expressed shock and sadness about the accident in a statement and said at least 17 Rohingya, including children, had died.

The boat left the western state of Rakhine last Thursday and encountered bad weather two days later off Ayeyarwaddy Region on Myanmar's southwestern coast, causing it to capsize, the statement said.

The Rohingya, a Muslim minority, have long been

persecuted in Myanmar. More than 700,000 Rohingya have fled the country to neighboring Bangladesh since August 2017 to escape the brutal counterinsurgency campaign of Myanmar's military following an attack by a Rohingya insurgent group in Rakhine State.

Myanmar's government has denied accusations that security forces committed mass rapes and killings and burned thousands of homes, but the U.S. government recently labeled actions by the country's military as genocide.

There are more than 100,000 Rohingya left in Myanmar, confined in squalid displacement camps, along with those

living in crowded refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Groups of Rohingya from camps in both countries embark on hazardous voyages to the Muslim-majority countries of Malaysia and Indonesia to seek a better living.

"Some 630 Rohingya have attempted sea journeys across the Bay of Bengal from January to May 2022," the UNHCR statement said, with women and children making up 60% of those trying to flee.

The statement added: "The risk of abuse at the hands of smugglers and the peril of the sea journey itself are both exacerbated during prolonged journeys, when a safe harbor for disembarkation cannot be found." □





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## Report: Mexico's immigration enforcement relies on military

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's immigration enforcement is increasingly militarized with the armed forces and National Guard now accounting for more migrant detentions than immigration agents, according to a report published Tuesday by six nongovernmental organizations.

The human rights and migrant advocacy groups, among them the Foundation for Justice and the Democratic State of Law, say that many of the detentions are also arbitrary, based on racial profiling and have led to abuses.

The armed forces are supposed to just be supporting immigration agents in their work, but the organizations found that they are now responsible for the majority of detentions.

Between June 2019 and December 2020, the armed forces and National Guard detained more than 152,000 migrants just at Mexico's southern border, according to public information requests made by the Citizen Security Program at Iberoamericana University.

During that same period the Interior ministry report-

ed that 190,000 migrants had been presented to immigration authorities.

Mexico had already been moving toward increased reliance on the military, but it has accelerated under President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, according to the report.

Under pressure from then U.S. President Donald Trump in 2019, López Obrador deployed the newly created National Guard, a security force in theory civilian, but in reality under military control.

At the time, nongovernmental organizations and the United Nations expressed concerns that the shift to more militarized enforcement would lead to abuses. Even the leadership of the National Immigration Institute was changed, replacing a sociologist schooled in immigration, with the head of Mexico's prisons. Military officers, some retired, were named to lead at least eight of the institute's state offices. Migrants of African origin and women, in particular, have been subject to abuses including discrimination, extortion and sexual abuse, the report said. The groups

participating in the report have brought lawsuits in some of those cases.

A particular problem has been mobile checkpoints along highways, something the Supreme Court just declared unconstitutional last week because they lead to racial profiling.

Last August, Defense Secretary Luis Cresencio Sandoval said that the main objective for the Army, Navy and National Guard was "to stop all migration" and "cover the northern border, the southern border with soldiers."

U.S. Ambassador Ken Salazar said last week in a news conference that the focus on Mexico's southern border and in the narrow isthmus just above it "were the keys to resolving the prob-



Mexican National Guards stand watch over the Suchiate River where locals transport cargo and ferry people between Mexico and Guatemala, near Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, a location popular for Central American migrants to cross from Guatemala to Mexico.

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lems that we have now about the migration flow," noting that it was easier to control a line of 300 kilo-

meters (186 miles) than the entire U.S.-Mexico border spanning more than 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles). □

## People in Brazil's Amazon rainforest again reel from floods

By EDMAR BARROS and FABIANO MAISONNAVE

**IRANDUBA, Brazil (AP)** — For the second straight year, inhabitants of Brazil's Amazon rainforest are being overwhelmed by flooding, with hundreds of thousands of people already affected by waters that are still rising. Heavy rainfall in the Amazon over the past two years is associated with the La

Nina phenomenon, when Pacific Ocean currents affect global climate patterns, and which scientists say is intensified by climate change.

Manaus, the Amazon's largest city, began tracking flood levels in 1902 and has seen seven of its worst floods over the past decade, including this year's. □



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# Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba Gears Up for Power-Packed Performances

## Mary J. Blige, New Edition, Mike Epps, Ari Lenox, Kevin Ross, Chase Anthony

**Memorial Day Weekend May 25-30**  
**Comedy Night and Live Music Performances by an Array of Artists**  
**Music Concerts Hosted by Chris Spencer & Doug E. Fresh**

**Oranjestad, Aruba -- May 25, 2022** Imagination takes flight at the 20th Edition of the iconic Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba featuring a luminescent lineup of world-renowned chart-topping performers destined to delight the swell of concert-goers set to witness star-studded shows including headliners Mary J. Blige, New Edition, and Mike Epps along with highly revered main stage performances by Ari Lenox, Kevin Ross and Chase Anthony delivering lit entertainment Memorial Day Weekend, May 25 – 30, 2022 in the harmonious paradise of Aruba.

Friday: May 27, Comedy Jam Concert: Mike Epps & Chase Anthony – Featuring, DJ Outkast  
 Saturday: May 28, Music Concert: Mary J. Blige & Kevin Ross – Host, Doug E. Fresh  
 Sunday: May 29, Music Concert: New Edition & Ari Lenox – Host, Chris Spencer

"We are thrilled to be kicking off the Soul Beach Musical Festival for its 20th Anniversary this year," said Ronella Croes, CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). "The One happy island is buzzing with energy as we welcome back fans from around the world to see the star-studded lineup. Aruba is the perfect destination for the festival as we boast one of the world's top beaches, friendly and vibrant culture, and stunning sunsets you can't enjoy anywhere else."

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"I'm so excited to finally return for the 20th edition of Soul Beach. We are truly grateful for the support and partnership with the Aruba Tourism Authority and all the participating sponsors as well as the thousands of loyal Soul Beach attendees and esteemed artists. This year's events will be filled with the spirit of rejuvenation and a celebration of life," said Mark Adkins, CEO & Executive Producer of Soul Beach Festival Productions.

Everything is better by the water! Amped-up festivalgoers will rise and shine to attend beach-side day parties drenched in vitamin sea and emerge to unparalleled night festivities featuring the ultimate celebration lounges in multiple locations throughout the island. Soul Beach Music Festival Hosted by Aruba will enliven the senses of partygoers with renowned Guest DJs pumping up the airwaves: Kid Capri, DJ Trauma, DJ Aktive, DJ Envy, DJ Frank Ski, DJ E-Clazz, DJ Outkast and DJ Diablo. The cool vibes catch a wave with the Frank Ski Broadcast, Smooth R&B WHUR – Washington, DC, and KISS 104.1 – Atlanta, GA live simulcast at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino – Poolside.

### Friday: May 27: Mike Epps & Chase Anthony

Mike Epps - Generating an extraordinary amount of buzz among his peers for being not only one of the funniest comic actors in town but also for his burgeoning dramatic talent, Mike Epps can be seen in the Netflix comedy "The UpShaws" in which he stars in and produces. The show is based on his life of growing up in Indiana and taken from his 2018 Harper Collins autobiography "Unsuccessful Thug." In 2022 Epps' sixth stand-up special premiered on Netflix. Indiana Mike aired globally and marks Epps' third Netflix special.

Chase Anthony - Multifaceted American actor, comedian, Chase Anthony, made his acting debut as Tre in the feature film Holla II. He has put in notable appearances in the films Journey of a Goddess, Love & Trust and Hidden Treasure as well as television shows Grey's Anatomy, Lethal Weapon, TheBkdown, Deal With It, Netflix & Chill and starred in the web series A Whole New Irving, which won him the Best Male Performance from the International Academy of Web Television award. He has been seen in commercials for Honda, ESPN, and Taco Bell, among others. Currently, you can see Chase in a leading role on two seasons of the BET Network series Bigger, produced by Will Packer Productions.

### Saturday, May 28: Mary J. Blige & Ari Lenox

Mary J. Blige - Sensational Grammy-Award-winning singer, songwriter, actress, producer, and philanthropist, Mary J. Blige is a figure of inspiration. Her presence center stage personifies a global super-star with a track record of eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards (plus a staggering 32 nominations), two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations, and a SAG nomination, among many other accolades. Blige's release of Good Morning Gorgeous, the singer's 14th studio album, is a force of reckoning and laced with golden lyrics. It's been said, "the sheer strength and breadth of her voice is like comfort food." Blige, an indispensable voice in the history of R&B and hip-hop and a 10-time Billboard Music Award winner, was presented with the Icon Award at the 2022 BBMA's.

Ari Lenox - In 2016 with the Pho EP and followed up in 2019 with her first album, Shea Butter Baby,



Ari Lenox hit the Billboard 200 chart at number 104. Since then, she has issued a remix EP, appeared on numerous tracks as a featured artist, and scored one of her biggest hit singles with 2021's "Pressure". Like Lennox's 2020 single, "Chocolate Pomegranate," "Pressure" is a timeless soul-stirring groove with a catchy up-beat. Lenox embodies the lyrical truth serum that will rock the mind and sway the crowd with her heated performance on the main stage.

### Sunday, May 29: New Edition & Kevin Ross

New Edition - Composed of members Ronnie DeVoe, Bobby Brown, Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins, Ralph Tresvant, and Johnny Gill, New Edition is a platinum, chart-topping, hitmaking teen pop group that evolved into a mature R&B vocal act and a cultural phenomenon. Wowing fans with their biggest hits, "Cool it Now", "Candy Girl", "Mr. Telephone Man", "If It Isn't Love", and "Can You Stand the Rain" just to name a few along with their famous dance moves, this highly anticipated performance will be sure to set the stage on fire and keep the music playing in the hearts of concert-goers.

Kevin Ross - In 2017 Kevin released his long-awaited debut full-length album, The Awakening. The album's first single, "Long Song Away" peaked at #1 on Billboard's Adult R&B. Ross continues to make a significant mark on the contemporary music scene. Ross' current project "Drive 2" debuted at #1 on iTunes R&B album chart with the lead single "Looking for Love" cracking the Top 10 on Billboard's Adult R&B Radio Play chart. Ross is ready to go beyond expectation when he takes to the microphone and will light up the stage.

For information about #SBMF22, ticket sales, accommodations and the latest updates sign up for CLUB SOUL BEACH, by visiting <http://www.soulbeach.com>. With the regard to the guidelines set in place, all Soul Beach events will follow the Aruban government protocols for health and safety: read the Travel Requirements.

Join the Soul Beach Music Festival community: follow us on Twitter and Instagram @SoulBeachMusic and become a fan of the 2022 Soul Beach Music Festival on Facebook. Get real time features on the day parties, concert tickets, partner and sponsor offerings by downloading the Soul Beach Music Festival App on GooglePlay and AppleStore.





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## Sea turtles

Episode CLV- 155

Etnia Nativa facilitates cultural awareness, education and safeguards Aruba's heritage by elevating each reader into an island keeper state of mind. Be encouraged to discover in every episode the true native effect, live it, get more reasons to love Aruba behind the beaches and liven up your stay in an incredibly wonderful way.

Our main objective is to educate our readers because when you love and value what you have, the greatest desire is to protect it.

We share awareness from out a local and native perspective, through respect and sustainability. It is so that for thousand of years, before any human soul set foot on this island, different species of marine reptiles used the islands fine sandy beaches to lay their egg clusters. That's when 20 or 15 thousand years ago hunters and gatherers found thousand of sea turtles on our beaches and they and their eggs where a great food source until time ago for native arubans. Now sea turtles are protected by law.

Sea turtles visits, which used to occure on any sandy beach of Aruba, diminished almost completey. limiting most egg laying activity to the west shores of the island beaches. Today they are the beaches right in front of international hotels chains, steching towards the light



house area. Turtles are visitors who bring good omens we welcome every year. They inspire and encourage us to continue promoting sustainable awarenes, care and respect for the environment. That their valuable presence to be recurrent and that we can all continue to see and protect them as a simbol of survival, longevity and and a way of life that sustained our fore fathers. There are seven different species of sea turtles: flatback, green, hawksbill, leatherback, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, and olive ridley. Sea turtles can be separated into the categories of hard-shelled (chelonid) and leathery-shelled (dermocheilyd). There is only one dermocheilyd species which is the leatherback sea turtle. For each of the seven types of sea turtles, females and males are the same size.

In general, sea turtles have a more fusiform body construccion than their terrestrial or freshwater counterparts. This tapering at both ends reduces volume and means that sea turtles cannot retract their head and limbs into their shells for protection, unlike many other turtles and tortoises. However, the streamlined body plan reduces friction and drag in the water and allows sea turtles to swim more easily and swiftly.

The four most common species in waters of the Caribbean sea, are Leatherbacks, Green, Hawksbill and Loggerhead sea turtles. The leatherback sea

turtle is the largest of all, measuring 6-9 ft in length, 3-5 ft in width, and weighing up to 1500 lb. Other sea turtle species are smaller, being mostly 2-4 ft long and proportionally narrower.

How island community efforts can really make a difference. Turtle and their egg are being protected.

Four species of sea turtles are found nesting on Aruba: The Leatherback, the Loggerhead, the Green and the Hawksbill. The nesting season runs from March through September. Hatchling takes place from May to November.

The top 3 snorkeling sites in Aruba to spot sea turtles are: Tres Trapi - three steps in Papiamento. A little cove located on the northwestern shore of Aruba just before Boca Catalina, Mango Halto and furthes on to Baby Beach located in the most southern tip of island near San Nicolas. In case of an submarines encounter we recommend not to touch them as you may scare them off. While their immune systems are not equipped to fight off any chemicals that we might pass over by touching them. Don't feed them either, observe them calmly and give them some space so you don't hit them with your flippers.

If you love Aruba its origins and its cultural heritage, be part of the exclusive visitors of Etnia Nativa: a cozy museum/home.

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# Millennial Money: How to tell when money advice is bad

By **SARA RATHNER** of **Nerd-Wallet**

There are a lot of people out there who want to tell you what to do with your money. The problem is only some of them know what they're talking about.

Whether it's a friend with a hot investment tip, a relative spouting off outdated directives about the way it "should" be done or a social media influencer tout-ing a trendy financial product, money advice can be hit or miss. You can filter out the useful tidbits and leave the rest, but to do that, you have to know how to evaluate which pieces of advice you can trust.

## CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Certified financial planners, financial coaches or nonprofit credit counseling agencies can all supply you with advice that's tailored to your unique circumstances. Look for professionals who don't earn a commission when you agree to follow their advice by using recommended solutions. That way, you know you're getting unbiased guidance.

As an added bonus, you'll also get a solid explanation of how different financial products work, which is knowledge that can serve you for years.

"Financial matters tend to be complex, and I think that's why it's so important for individuals like myself to



Commuters walk through a corridor in the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, June 21, 2019 in New York.

Associated Press

have education as a large part of what we do," says Durriya Pierce, a certified financial planner and financial advice expert at Albert, a financial services company. A friend or relative who accomplished a similar financial goal could also have actionable tips to share. You might be able to lean on them as a source of emotional support while you work toward your own goal.

There may even be some nuggets of wisdom in outdated advice that previous generations relied on. The next time you're treated to a lecture about how cars

cost a nickel back in the day, instead of scoffing in disbelief, ask open-ended questions. How much was your grandfather paid at his first job out of school? How much did your parents' first house cost? That can open up a conversation about how salaries, housing costs and other money issues have changed over time, so you can both understand where the other person is coming from.

"At some point, it becomes less about them sharing advice and more about them sharing their story," says Phuong Luong, a Massachusetts-based certi-

fied financial planner and founder of Just Wealth.

## THINK ABOUT HOW FEASIBLE THE ADVICE IS FOR YOU

Money advice is like clothing. It's designed to fit a person, but that person might not be you. Certain money best practices don't work for everyone's situation.

"So often we ignore the context of what people are going through. Financial advice-givers don't bring in the context and it's really harmful when you don't," Luong says. "It perpetuates the myth that we can do this on our own and we cannot." She cites the oft-discussed 50/30/20

budget where you apply 50% of your take-home pay to "needs" (like housing, utilities and transportation), 30% to "wants" (like hobbies and travel) and 20% to savings and debt payments as an example. In high-cost areas, she notes, rent alone might eat up half of your take-home pay.

Bad money advice can also oversimplify a complex decision. With more people working remotely, for instance, a friend may suggest you simply move to a lower-cost city to save money.

Pierce, who lives in a high-cost area in New Jersey and has no plans to leave, says that this advice disregards the non-monetary benefits of staying put such as being close to an established community of family and friends.

## BE WARY OF ADVICE THAT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

The internet and social media are rife with money-related clickbait that promises near-instant success. Influencers sell access to expensive courses that claim they'll make you a millionaire. High school acquaintances send you direct messages out of the blue, asking if you want to "be your own boss" by joining a multilevel marketing program. Many of these get-rich-quick schemes are a waste of time and money. □

# Airbnb ends rentals in China to focus on outbound tourists

**BEIJING (AP)** — Airbnb Inc. will stop listing homes and experiences inside China this summer and instead focus its business in the country on serving Chinese tourists looking for lodgings abroad, a company official said on social media Tuesday.

Airbnb began listings in China in 2016, but they have still accounted for only about 1% of company revenue in recent years.

The San Francisco-based company found the domestic Chinese business costly and complicated to run, and the pandemic has made matters worse.

There was little overlap between Airbnb's business inside China and catering to outbound travelers, which Airbnb hopes will limit the impact of suspending the domestic offerings.

Airbnb joins a series of foreign internet companies including Yahoo Inc. and eBay Inc. that pulled out of China after running into fierce local competition and regulatory barriers.

"We have made the difficult decision to refocus our efforts in China on outbound travel and suspend our homes and Experiences of Hosts in China, starting from July 30, 2022," said

the chief strategy officer of Airbnb China, Nathan Blecharczyk, in a statement on its social media account.

Landlords represented by Airbnb have had more than 25 million guest arrivals since 2016, according to Blecharczyk's statement. The Chinese government has blocked foreign tourists from visiting since the pandemic hit in early 2020 and has told the Chinese public to avoid foreign travel that isn't essential for business or study. International airlines and other travel companies that operate in China expect that borders



Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky speaks during an event in San Francisco, Feb. 22, 2018.

Associated Press

will re-open and travel by Chinese citizens will pick up

eventually, although the timing is unclear. □



# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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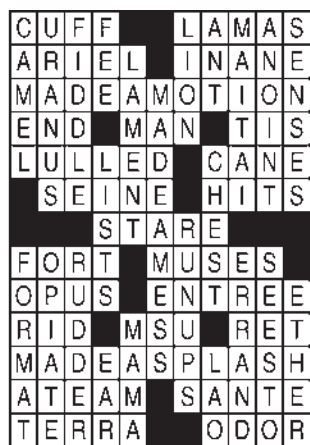
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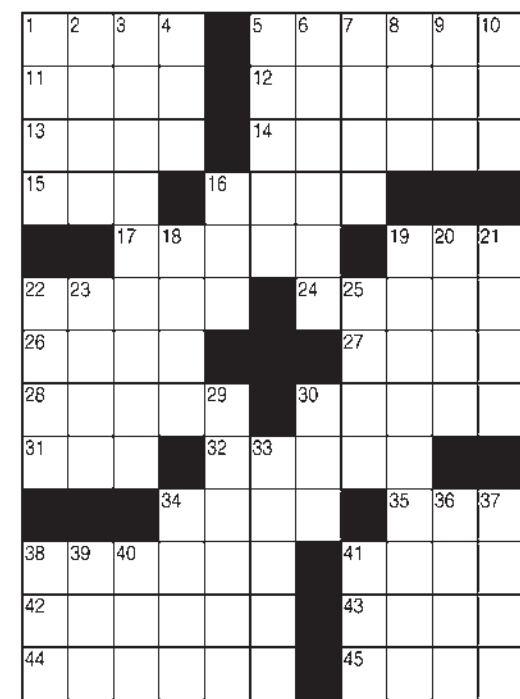
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DON'T TAUNT THE ALLIGATOR UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE CROSSED THE CREEK. — DAN RATHER

# Stormy repeat: NOAA predicts busy Atlantic hurricane season



This satellite image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows Hurricane Sam, center right, in the Atlantic Ocean, Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at 3:20 p.m. ET.

Associated Press

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP Science Writer

Federal meteorologists are forecasting a record-shattering seventh straight unusually busy Atlantic hurricane season.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted Tuesday that the summer in the Atlantic will produce 14 to 21 named storms, six to 10 becoming hurricanes and three to six turbo-charging into major hurricanes with winds greater than 110 mph. Even with normals shifting upwards to reflect more active storm seasons in recent decades, these predictions are above the 30-year average of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

The National Hurricane Center ran out of names for Atlantic storms in the last two years, with a record-setting 30 named storms in 2020 and 21 last year. In the past five years there have been more Category 4 and 5 hurricane landfalls in the United States than in the previous 50 years combined.

This hurricane season "is go-

ing to be similar to last year and given that you need only one bad storm to dramatically affect your life, if you fail to plan around this outlook, you're planning to fail," NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad told The Associated Press Tuesday. "You can take this outlook to the bank literally when it looks to protecting your property." Every weather factor pointed to a busier season, said Matthew Rosencrans, lead hurricane season outlook forecaster for NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. He pointed to a multi-decade long trend to more storms in the Atlantic, an active monsoon season in West Africa, a La Nina the natural and occasional cooling of parts of the equatorial Pacific that changes weather worldwide and warmer than normal ocean temperatures, which scientists say are stoked by climate change.

Several outside hurricane experts agree with NOAA that the Atlantic conditions are ripe for yet another active hurricane season. They say La Nina reduces wind shear that could decapi-

tate storms. The warmer water about half a degree warmer (0.3 degrees Celsius) than last year in storm-forming areas, according to Rosencrans serves as hurricane fuel. A reduction in pollution particles in the air has taken away artificial cooling in the Atlantic and a new study links that to increasing storms.

Last week President Joe Biden also warned the nation about "another tough hurricane season" coming. "We're seeing these storms happen more frequently. They're lasting longer," FEMA Director Deanne Criswell said in a New York City press conference. NOAA says 13 people in the city died during Hurricane Ida with 11 of them dying in flooded basements. □

It is also the 10th anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, a downgraded hurricane that became one of the most expensive weather disasters in American history with massive flooding in New York.

"We've seen such a dramatic change in the type of weather events that could be seen as a result of climate change," Criswell said.

NOAA said there's a 65% chance for an "above-normal" hurricane season, a 25% chance for a normal season and only a one in 10 chance for an unusually quiet season.

One key indicator, that takes into account the number of storms, how strong they are and how long they last, is called Accumulated Cyclone Energy index or ACE and Rosencrans said this year could be as much as double what's been normal since 1950. The calculation is used when determining what is an average season and what's above average. Because La Nina has a different effect in the Pacific and conditions usually are opposite, earlier this month NOAA predicted a quieter than normal Pacific storm season.

Atlantic hurricane season starts June 1. □

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## Social media hammered by mounting questions over advertising

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN AP Business Writer

Social media has had a rough 2022 with lingering questions about advertising spending, political ads and a \$44 billion takeover of Twitter that may or may not be happening, depending on which Elon Musk tweet you read. Then late Monday Snap, which runs the Snapchat app that features vanishing messages and video special effects, issued a rather dire profit warning, saying that "the macroeconomic

environment has deteriorated further and faster than anticipated," since just last month.

Social media companies are competing for the same pool of advertising money that is increasingly under threat from spiking inflation and also changes at Apple Inc. that can restrict the information social media platforms can collect on users, a big selling point for advertisers.



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# Álvarez, Golovkin set third rivalry bout for September

By **GREG BEACHAM**

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Canelo Álvarez and Gennady Golovkin will complete their memorable fight trilogy in September.

Álvarez and Golovkin will resume their rivalry Sept. 17 after a four-year break, promoters Matchroom Boxing announced Tuesday. Álvarez already said he intended to take the fight while speaking at his invitational golf tournament in Naucalpan, Mexico, on Monday.

The fighters met in 2017 and again in 2018 for two highly entertaining middleweight matchups. They fought to a split draw in the first bout, and Álvarez won a narrow majority decision in the second meeting.

The third fight will be a 168-pound super middleweight contest between the 40-year-old Golovkin (42-1-1, 37 KOs) and Álvarez (57-2-2, 39 KOs), who will turn 32 this summer. Álvarez is the undisputed world champion at 168 pounds, holding all four major titles. "I feel very happy and proud to be able to give the best fights, and this fight won't be an exception," Álvarez said in a statement. Álvarez announced earlier



Canelo Álvarez lands a punch against Gennady Golovkin in the 12th round during a middleweight title boxing match, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

this year that he intended to fight Golovkin in the fall after taking on light heavyweight champion Dmitry Bivol in May. That plan was put into question after Bivol upset Álvarez by unanimous decision on May 7. Bivol hoped to book a rematch with the biggest star in boxing after his breakthrough upset, but Álvarez ultimately decided to proceed with the most lucrative potential bout and the

resumption of a remarkable rivalry.

The location for the third fight wasn't announced, but its scheduling on Mexican Independence Day weekend makes it likely to be held in Las Vegas. The fighters' first two meetings were on the same holiday weekend at T-Mobile Arena on the south end of the Las Vegas Strip, and both were sellouts.

The third bout is likely the

richest fight currently possible in boxing, given both fighters' large fan bases and the entertaining nature of their rivalry to date. Golovkin and his fans believe the former middleweight kingpin won both of the first two fights, while Álvarez is in need of redemption after his shocking loss to Bivol. In the fighters' first bout, most ringside observers thought Golovkin had done more than enough

to beat Álvarez, who had previously lost only to Floyd Mayweather in his career. But while one judge favored Golovkin and another scored it a draw, judge Adalaide Byrd inexplicably called it 118-110 in favor of Álvarez, who was consistently outlanded by Golovkin throughout the bout. Álvarez tested positive for the performance-enhancing drug clenbuterol between the first two fights, and his suspension meant the rematch was postponed from May to September. While many ringside observers again thought Golovkin had won, two judges favored the improved Álvarez 115-113, and the third scored it a draw.

Both fighters initially expressed interest in a third meeting for 2019, but the sides drifted apart while Golovkin dealt with management squabbles and Álvarez moved on to less daunting challenges. Álvarez spent 2021 collecting all four major titles at super middleweight.

Golovkin has fought only four times in four years since his loss to Álvarez, also breaking up with longtime trainer Abel Sanchez during that stretch. □

# Hirt claims 1st grand tour stage, Carapaz keeps Giro lead



Czech Republic's Jan Hirt celebrates crossing the finish line to win during the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, from Salò to Aprica, Italy, Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

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**APRICA, Italy (AP)** — Czech cyclist Jan Hirt won the tough 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday for his first grand tour victory and Richard Carapaz kept

the pink jersey as the race headed into a final week in the high mountains. Hirt clutched his head almost in disbelief before raising his hands into the air as

he crossed the line at the end of the 202-kilometer (126-mile) route from Salò to Aprica, which included one of the sport's toughest climbs up the Mortirolo.

"Every time someone asks me why I do cycling, what I want to achieve, I thought I want to win one stage on the Giro and then I can stop my career," Hirt said with a laugh. "So now I'm happy, but I don't want to stop."

The leg also included two other top-classified ascents as more than 5,000 meters (16,000 feet) of climbing was packed into an epic stage. It was also the race's annual wine stage and was dedicated to the Sforzato variety of the Valtellina area.

Hirt attacked near the top

of the Santa Cristina climb, with double-digit gradients, and although he almost lost control on a descent made treacherous by earlier rain, the 31-year-old managed to stay on his bicycle and finished seven seconds ahead of Thymen Arensman.

"I wanted to try to do something nice today," Hirt said. "I had quite difficult moments .... then in the end on the last climb I had also a problem with my bike, it was not shifting properly and the chain was jumping and also I had cramps on the downhill, so I was really suffering and I had all these problems, but I wanted to win so much so I fight until the end."

There was a fight for third place and the final bonus

seconds between the overall favorites, with Jai Hindley edging out Carapaz and Mikel Landa. The quartet — which also included Alejandro Valverde — crossed 1 minute, 24 seconds behind Hirt.

Hindley, who was runner-up in 2020, reduced the gap to Carapaz to three seconds. João Almeida remained third overall but lost 14 seconds and is now 0:44 behind the Ecuadorian cyclist. "It was a tough stage and in the end I have to say I am happy," Carapaz said. "I thought I was going to win the sprint for third place. I eventually didn't but it's still a good day for me."

"I've lost a few seconds on Hindley but I gained more on Almeida so the balance is positive." □



# Adieu, Jo: French salute injured, retiring Tsonga at Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Much as he wanted to avoid tears, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga simply could not. And, he said later, he knew he would not. So they flowed freely during the final moments of his final match at the French Open, the final singles match of his professional tennis career, and he wiped them away with the black sweatband on his left wrist.

They were not there because of the right shoulder that was so painful he couldn't properly swing his racket by the end of a 6-7 (8), 7-6 (4), 6-2, 7-6 (0) loss to No. 8 seed Casper Ruud on Tuesday in Court Philippe Chatrier. They were there because he knows he is done trying to win matches, done hearing the supportive roars from spectators, done experiencing the highs and lows of a professional tennis career that featured a spot at No. 5 in the rankings, a run to the 2008 Australian Open final and France's first Davis Cup title in 16 years — but also a series of injuries.

He's been limited to a total of 18 matches since the start of 2021, turned 37 last month, has a family now and knew this trip to Roland Garros would be the perfect way to bid adieu.

"It was pure madness today. One of the best atmospheres I have seen in my career (for) my last match. I couldn't have asked for something better," Tsonga said. "I couldn't have asked for a better script, apart from the fact that I could have won."

He appeared to have a chance to extend the match by breaking to go up 6-5 in the fourth set. But at the end of that game, he wrenched his shoulder, and that was that. Ruud quickly broke back, and Tsonga was visited by a trainer, who tried to help the situation but could not. During a three-minute medical timeout, a band in the stands got fans to clap and chant "Jo! Jo!" to the rhythm of a drumbeat, then played "La Marseillaise" as some in the seats sang along to



France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga has a mark on his forehead after kissing the clay after losing to Norway's Casper Ruud in a first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in Paris. The Frenchman retired following his first-round loss against Casper Ruud.

France's national anthem. When play resumed, Tsonga could barely even serve, tapping the ball at barely more than 60 mph (100 kph) — less than half as fast as the booming offerings he was known for — and even tried hitting one shot left-handed as the tiebreaker ended in a shutout. No matter. The locals gave Tsonga a prolonged standing ovation, and he went up near the net, knelt and rested his forehead on the ground, creating a splotch of the rust-colored clay on his face.

Asked later what he'll miss the most as he leaves the sport, he replied: "The adrenaline, stepping on a big court like this one. Adrenaline you can feel when you have 15,000 people shouting your name." It all offered the most compelling moments of Day 3, which included first-round victories in the men's bracket for U.S. Open champion

Daniil Medvedev, No. 7 seed Andrey Rublev and No. 24 Frances Tiafoe, who had been 0-6 at Roland Garros.

Danish teenager Holger Rune eliminated No. 14 Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Women who advanced to the second round included 2017 champion Jelena Ostapenko, 2018 champion Simona Halep, No. 9 Danielle Collins, No. 11 Jessica Pegula and No. 22 Madison Keys.

Tsonga leaves with 121 wins in Grand Slam matches, a record for a French man. It is a tough time for tennis in the land of the French

Open: For the first time since 1980, there were zero men or women from the country seeded in the tournament.

Another member of Tsonga's talented generation, Gilles Simon, has said he will retire at the end of the season. Yet another, Gael Monfils, missed Roland Garros because he needs heel surgery — although he was there Tuesday for a post-match retirement ceremony in Chatrier, along with so many folks who mean so much to Tsonga: other players; a group of his coaches dating to when he was a kid; his wife and children; his parents.

There were video tributes from the greatest four male players of this era — Novak Djokovic (who called Tsonga's retirement "a big loss for professional men's tennis"), Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray ("You've been a great ambassador for the sport," he told Tsonga) — and a series of speeches.

"You've been an inspiration to me and many young players around the world," said Ruud, a 23-year-old from Norway who joked about being sad at age 10 when his favorite player, Nadal, lost to Tsonga at the Australian Open. "Thank you for all the memories."

No. 3 seed Paola Badosa, whose 6-2, 6-0 victory over France's Fiona Ferro followed Tsonga vs. Ruud in Chatrier, said she got "super emotional" watching the whole scene. Later, she ran into Tsonga as they were doing interviews and told him kiddingly she was upset that all the hullabaloo over him delayed the start of her match — then asked him to pose with her for a photo.

He obliged.

What awaits Tsonga now? He said he'll need to have medical tests Wednesday on his shoulder, which he said was in bad enough shape he couldn't hold his baby.

But Tsonga took pride from playing — well, trying to play — until the end, rather than conceding the match.

"Unfortunately, I didn't finish the way I want to finish, but I finished on the court, playing like I did all my career, running after the ball," Tsonga said.

"It was emotional for me. And anyway, it's going to stay a good moment in my head. Yeah, in a way, I finished like I wanted to finish." □

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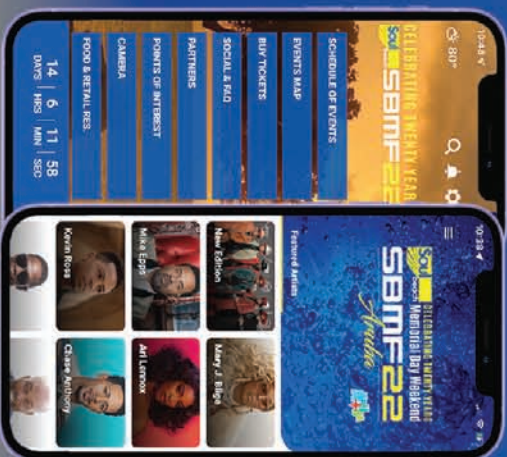
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10pm - 3am | VENUE: 1 ENTRANCE /3 LOCATIONS  
(YOLO, KOKODO, THE VUE ROOFTOP)  
Featuring: Frank Ski & DJ E-Clazz

THURSDAY • MAY 26

SOUL BEACH DAY PARTY

11am - 3pm | MOOMBA BEACH (Palm Beach) (No Entry Fee)  
Featuring: DJ E-Clazz / DJ Diablo  
\*No outside bottles allowed

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCAST

4pm - 7pm (Free Entry) | Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino - Poolside (Oranjestad)  
POOLSIDE HAPPY HOUR - DJ FRANK SKI LIVE RADIO REMOTE  
WHUR - Washington, DC KISS 104.1 - Atlanta, GA

OFFICIAL SOUL BEACH ALL WHITE PARTY

10pm - 3am | MOOMBA BEACH (Palm Beach)  
Featuring: DJ Trauma

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10pm - 3am | RENAISSANCE ARUBA RESORT & CASINO - CONVENTION CENTER (Oranjestad)  
Featuring: DJ Envy

SATURDAY • MAY 28

SOUL BEACH DAY PARTY

11am - 3pm | MOOMBA BEACH (Palm Beach) (No Entry Fee)  
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7pm - 11pm | HARBOR ARENA (Oranjestad)  
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11pm - 3am  
BOCHINCHA (Oranjestad) | Featuring: Kid Capri, DJ Aktive

SUNDAY • MAY 29

SOUL BEACH DAY PARTY - 2 LOCATIONS

11am - 3pm  
BEACH 1: BABY BEACH (San Nicolas) (No Entry Fee) | Featuring: DJ Outkast  
BEACH 2: MOOMBA BEACH (Palm Beach) (No Entry Fee) | Featuring: DJ E-Clazz & DJ Diablo  
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BOCHINCHA (Oranjestad) | Featuring: Doug E. Fresh & DJ Tedsmooth, DJ Aktive

MONDAY • MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY "COOL DOWN" BBQ

10am - 5pm | MOOMBA BEACH (Palm Beach) (No Entry Fee)  
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SOUL BEACH "EXTENDED PLAY" PARTY

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